

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	Ziegler, et al.	Examiner:	M.A. Audet
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For:	SUBSTRATES FOR TAFIa		

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Communication mailed on October 3, 2007. A petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on December 3, 2007.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between one of the following groups, which the Examiner has identified as distinct inventions and characterized as follows:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 13-17, drawn to a dipeptide or modified amino acid compound of Formula I;
- II. Claims 9-11 and 18, drawn to a method of determination of TAFIa including reaction of TAFIa in the presence of 5,5'-dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) on a compound of formula I, a dipeptide or modified amino acid compound of formula I; and
- III. Claims 12 and 19, drawn to a method of preparing a peptide compound of formula I, including alkaline saponification of a corresponding alkylester.

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The Examiner further requires the selection of one distinct dipeptide or modified amino acid as the invention (e.g., wherein AA2 is Lys and AA3, if present, is Arg).

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-7 and 13-17, drawn to a dipeptide or modified amino acid compound, where AA2 is non-substituted or substituted lysine and n is 0. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in divisional applications.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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